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TREASURY FOR B. COLE, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DIVISION,
US CUSTOMS

1. DIRECTOR OF NEPALESE CUSTOMS WEOCOMES TRAINING PRO-
GRAM PROSED REFTTEL, INCLUDING 10-DAY COURSE FOR
INSTRUCTORS TO PRECEDE GENERAL TWO-WEEK COURSE FOR
25 CUSTOMS OFFICERS IN KATHMANDU. CUSTOMS WILL ATTEMPT
TO PROCURE SAME TRAINING SITE AS USED IN 1975.

2. NEPALESE FISCAL YEAR BEGINS IN MID-JULY AND IT WOULD
NOT BE POSSIBLE TO BEGIN COURSE ON JULY 18 AS ORIGIANALLY
SUGGESTED. SITUATION FURTHER COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT
AGUSUT 8 AND 9 ARE IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS. CUSTOMS
PROPOSES THAT INSTRUCTOR COURSE BEGIN JULY 27 TO
BE FOLLOWED BY GENERAL COURSE AUGUST 10. THIS ASSUMES
TRAINING TEAM IS WILLING TO FOLLOW LOCAL 6-DAY WORK
WEEK WITH SATURDAYS FREE. IF NOT, COURSE COULD BE
MOVED UP TO JULY 25, PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS IS
ACCEPTABLE.

3. WHILE WE HAVE A CLEAR INTEREST IN FOCUSING COURSE
ON NARCOTICS, NEPALESE ARE PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN
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PROBLEMS INVOLVING VALUATON AND UNDER-INVOCING. THEY
CONTINUALLY REQUEST THAT SOME COURSES BE PROVIDED IN
THIS AREA. WHILE WE COULD PROBABLY GET BY WITHOUT
COVERING IT (AS WE DID IN 1975) THERE WILL COME A POINT
WHEN NEPAESE WIOL FEEL WE ARE IGNORING THEIR INTERESTS
BY PROMOTING AT LEAST ONE-HALF DAY BE DEVOTED TO THESEISSUES IN
ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF LOCAL PROBLEMS.

LECTURES NEED NOT BE OVERLY DETAILED BUT SIMPLY GENERAL
DISCUSSION OF HOW US CUSTOMS DEALS WITH PROBLEM.

4. WE CAN RECRUTE INTERPRETERS LOCALLY, BUT THEIR ABILITY
TO PROVIDE SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION IS LIMITED. WE
HAVE ONE CANDIDATE WHO IS DEMONSTRABLY BETTER THAN INTER-
PRETERES USED IN 1975, BUT REMAINDER WOULD BE AT ABOUT
PREVIOUS LEVELS. ADVISE IF EMBASSY SHOULD RECRUIT ONE
OR MORE CANDIDATES SINCE WE HEED LEAD TIME OF 4 TO 6 WEEKS
TO SECURE INTERPRETER SERVICES.
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